

## CONTEXT

Globalisation has encouraged interaction between the European Union and China. With increasing integration, policy-makers, private institutions and the general public all have different interests and concerns about how to make globalisation a positive force for all parties concerned.

BACES was founded within this context to provide informed answers with statistical methodologies and empirical approaches, and is mandated to carry out research on issues related to contemporary China and the EU.

The BACES platform was officially established on 31 March 2014. Huawei holds the Chair for Contemporary China Studies.



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## WHAT IS BACES?

The Brussels Academy for China and European Studies - BACES - is a platform for exchanging academic ideas, promoting understanding between Chinese and European people, and is established in the framework of the China-EU 'High Level People-to-People Dialogue'.

The academy has an assignment in the fields of education, research and policy advice.

BACES was set-up by four founding universities:

- Renmin University of China
- Sichuan University
- Fudan University
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB).

The University of Ghent and the University of Lancaster are partners in the BACES platform.

## BACES MISSION AND PURPOSE

- To provide a platform to exchange academic ideas, support academic activities, and to promote understanding between Chinese and European people;
- To carry out activities in the fields of post-initial education, research, academic services (including policy advice), supported by scholarship schemes;
- To act as a critical think-tank in support of the High Level People-to-People Dialogue;
- To carry out research on issues related to contemporary China and the EU.

## PROJECTS

All projects within the scope of contemporary China-EU studies are covered within the BACES remit. At the moment, work is ongoing in four project areas. Other projects related to contemporary China and EU-China relations are also welcome. More details can be found on [www.baces.be](http://www.baces.be)

### Investment Project

There has been a substantial increase of both Chinese direct foreign investment and portfolio investments in Europe, and of European investments in China. These trends in EU-China cross-border investments pose several fundamental and applied financial research challenges.

### Innovation & Technology Transfer Project

The aim is to investigate the benefits from international knowledge transfer and valorisation, and to explore the conditions in which to maximise success rates. This requires multidisciplinary expertise to find solutions for the tension between regional interests on the one hand, and the international scope of valorisation projects on the other, and to make proposals for best practices and implementation models.

### Competition Project

This project is designed to preserve the optimal functioning of free markets. The idea is to search for pathways to advance competition policies in a methodologically sound manner by looking at legal soundness and consistency, the assessment of efficiencies and advanced economic analysis, and sector-specific considerations as well as political aspects.

### Governance & Representation Project

This project observes the substantial changes to political participation and representation on the national, regional and international level. New forms of decision-making and steering processes have come into existence. Topics within this scope: employment, migration, climate change, nationalism, security & terrorism, gender equality & female representation.

